APPENDIX A

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the specification:

Replacement of the paragraph on page 12, lines 7-17 with:

--Figure 18 illustrates the relatively weak preservative effect on gonococcal DNA in urine stored at room temperature and subsequently subjected to PCR detection offered by the individual addition of components of the reagents of the present invention, i.e., divalent metal chelators 0.01M BAPTA (18A), 0.01M EDTA (18B), 0.01M EGTA (18C); and chelator enhancing components 1M sodium perchlorate (18D), 1M salicylic acid (18E), 1M guanidine HCl (18F), 1M sodium thiocyanate (18G), and lithium chloride (18H). The number of transformants in ten types of urine specimens were tested using a GTT, counted hourly, and then summarized. The standard Gonostat protocol (*see* Example 2, *infra*) was employed[. Figure 19 illustrates]and illustrated the synergistic effect obtained by the combination of divalent metal chelators and chelator enhancing components in protecting gonococcal DNA in urine stored at room temperature and subsequently subjected to PCR detection.--

Replacement of Table 3 on the top of page 18 with:

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Table 3

Function	Name	Nucleotide sequence 5' to 3'	
Primer	PPNG-L	AGT TAT CTA CAC GAC GG	(SEQ ID NO:1)
Primer	PPNG-R	GGC GTA CTA TTC ACT CT	(SEQ ID NO:2)
Probe	PPNG-C	GCG TCA GAC CCC TAT CTA TAA ACT C	(SEQ ID NO:3)

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